ATM services in post offices

2537. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for improving the current postal services in the coming years in the field of money deposits and transactions;

(b) whether Government has decided to open ATM-Banks like services in post offices;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) The Department of Posts is extending computerization to more post offices for facilitating Post Office Savings Bank transactions.

(b) and (c) The proposal for providing of ATM facility is in a conceptual stage only.

ILD business by BSNL

2538. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that International Long Distance (ILD) business is a very complex and dynamic with settlement rates changing even on hourly basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ILD business tie-ups and contracts with multiple international parties and require great deal of skill and experience;

(c) if so, whether BSNL possess skills to enter ILD business and run operations efficiently; and

(d) if not, the reasons for entering ILD business by BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Though ILD business is complex and dynamic in nature but settlement rates do not change on hourly basis, as far as BSNL is concerned. As per the agreement with International Carriers, the settlement rate changes on monthly basis.

(b) Yes, Sir. ILD business requires tie-ups and contracts with various International Carriers which requires sufficient skill and experience.

(c) Yes, Sir. BSNL possess skill to enter ILD business and run such operations efficiently.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Computerisation of Post Offices in Maharasthra

2539. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices computerized in Maharashtra, district-wise and location-wise;

(b) the details of Government's plan to computerize the rest of the post offices, district-wise; and

(c) the time period by which the work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) 854 Post Offices in Maharashtra have been provided with computers till date. The details of these Post Offices, district-wise, are given in Statement-I (See below) Location-wise details are given in Statement-ll. (See below).

(b) In the Tenth Plan, the Detpartment of Posts has a plan to computerize only the large Post Offices (having more than two public counters) across the country, including Maharashtra. 904 large Post Offices are planned to be computerized in Maharashtra during the Tenth Plan. Out of these 904 Post Offices, only 50 Post Offices remain to be provided with compute^. Details of these Post Offices, district-wise, are given in Statement-Ill. (See below).